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Canvassing Not Yet Complete

FUA Seeks 17,000 More Members

Latest report on the number of memberships recorded so far at Central Office has 13,351 registered for 1963-64, as of November 30.

This is still slightly ahead of the number for this time last year. But the rate at which renewals are arriving at the Central Office in Edmonton has slackened off, perhaps due to the cold weather in mid-November.

The complete total for last year stood at 26,097. According to the latest census figures, there are about 72,000 farm units eligible for F.U.A. membership in Alberta.

Commenting on the showing made by this year's membership drive, Gerald Schuler commended the locals which had sent in early returns for their good work. He pointed out, however, that even those locals which had a renewal from all their members should not be content with that if the F.U.A. is to reach its objective of 30,000 members this year. Mr. Schuler is membership campaign co-ordinator this year.

Some locals that have gone out and canvassed haven't turned in their results as yet. Others haven't gone out and campaigned at all, though they intend to do so.

So far, only about 18 per cent of the farmers in Alberta have 1964 F.U.A. memberships. Even when the rest of the F.U.A. memberships are collected this year,

English Farms Get Bigger

The trend toward farm amalgamations in Britain is being accelerated. This was emphasized recently by a spokesman of the County Landowners Association at a demonstration aimed at helping farmers to plan mergers efficiently. He said: "It has been obvious for some years that the small, uneconomic unit is going out. What many people don't realize is the speed at which the larger unit is taking over."

Between 1950 and 1960 the number of holdings up to 300 acres in England and Wales dropped by 29,000, while holdings over 300 acres increased by 1,200.

Memberships Rise; Farm Numbers Fall

It is interesting to note that if the F.U.A. does reach its 30,000 unit objective, it will be an increase of about 13 per cent over last year's membership. There were just over 26,000 unit members during the 1962-63 period.

This contrasts sharply with the present trend for the total number of farm units to decrease. In 1956, there were 79,424 farm units in operation in Alberta. In 1961, there were 73,212, a decrease of 7.8 per cent. Some estimates place the number of farms in operation today about 2½ per cent below the 1961 figure.

and if that total reaches 30,000, only about 42 per cent of the Alberta farm population will be represented in the F.U.A.

British Pay More

There have been forty-six \$100 life memberships taken out. As well, over 200 two-year memberships have been purchased this year. Each two-year membership costs \$12. Compare this with the annual dues of the National Farmers' Union in Great Britain.

Over there, the union costs (Continued on page 3)

Gleave Promotes Inter-Provincial Marketing Board Drive

Alf Gleave, National Farm Union President, Saskatoon, met Alberta Farmers at four meetings early in November. He spoke in St. Paul, Vegreville, Calmar, and Boyle. His main message was a call to battle in a three Prairie Province-wide drive to set up Hog marketing boards next year.

Speaking in Calmar to about 40 local farmers, Mr. Gleave said that

the time for a hog marketing board in Alberta was now, just as it is in Saskatchewan and in Manitoba. He pointed to the success of the Ontario Board, which he said could serve as a model for our own.

Mr. Gleave outlined how the idea for a co-ordinated move for marketing boards had grown. He said that it is like any of the objec-

tives that farm organizations have set for themselves through the years. First, the objective is decided upon as policy then the case for it is built year after year. It has to be talked about, and promoted. It requires time, Organization, and co-ordinated effort. And at last, the objective is won.

"We have an air tight, fool-proof case for hog marketing boards," He said, "We have been working for it since 1960. It is slow, but that is the way it has to be done."

"To be effective," Mr. Gleave warned, "When we get our marketing boards, we will have to have expert people to run them." "We can hire brains to work for us just as well as Canada Packers, or Swifts can". These people might as well be working for you, the hog producer. You are paying for them now!"

GOVERNMENT SHOULDN'T INTERFERE

Said Mr. Gleave, "If the farmer waits for the government to give him a living, it will be a skinny one. If the farmer doesn't want to get up and get his own price for his product, it's his funeral." He added, "We can get our price, through marketing boards."

"And don't listen to people who scream about free enterprise. They are only using words to fool you." We can set up a system that will work where buyer and seller can meet as equals. It will be flexible; it will be good for the hog industry."

Ed Nelson also spoke to the meeting. He suggested that one way for the farmers to help themselves was through their F.U.A., and he asked for support in the membership drive.



PRAIRIE FARMER MEETS PARKLANDERS: Alf Gleave, (right) President of the National Farmers' Union, who spoke at several meetings in Alberta last month, shakes hands with several farmers from Calmar. On the left is Fred Van Alstyne, an old timer from the Telford district (since 1900) who carried the mail in the area for many years. Next is Ernest Kvarnberg (who chaired the Calmar meeting), and retired farmer Bill Pederson, both from Calmar.

Certain Things Must Come First

By Ed Nelson

Farmers long ago made it quite clear to everyone that they like to be "loners." Some people call it "individualism," or "independence." In spite of this attitude, farmers have probably created more organizations and institutions than any other group.

This is a kind of paradox that is hard to explain. I suppose that it does explain the reason for farmers being so poor in supporting the organizations they do create.

The F.U.A. is not unique in this respect. Nor is it worse off than other organizations. But it reflects this urge to be alone, even as its existence shows that farmers are social beings, like anyone else.

Any organization, no matter what its purpose, is an expression of social consciousness that reaches outside the immediate family. If you ask people to give a reason for this, you may get many answers.

Some like to believe we organize for protection; some think it is for economic gain; some use it for expressing their wants and needs. Others use organization to satisfy their need to "belong."

What Price Satisfaction

Whatever the need, very few people have ever seriously considered what the satisfaction of those needs was worth to them. I cannot help but be critical of our leaders, myself included, for their inability to ever put a real value on these things. I realize there is an intangible value that cannot be measured in dollars, but there is also an economic value which we have never properly estimated. It is so easy to agree with members when they say, "We cannot afford to belong." "We do not have enough money to pay more." "We have too many other things to use our money for."

No attempt is ever made to establish with members, and non-members, a system of priority, which there must be. Certain things must come first.

I wonder how many people ever think about "survival." I doubt whether anyone really does until he or she is face to face with something they know is going to destroy them. This destruction

can come in many ways: loss of life, loss of a way of life, or loss of rights and freedoms. These things suddenly become important when we realize that without them, all the money in the world is useless!

Money for Survival

Money is power, but it guarantees no individual's survival though it does help. Money in the hands of organization can be, and is, the means of survival of groups.

When we ask an organization to work on our behalf, so that we might have a better chance to survive, we can only expect to receive as much as we put in. The

F.U.A. has been extremely fortunate in its capacity to do a job, because it has been able to draw upon human resources to replace the monetary resources the members provide so reluctantly and in such small amounts.

The thinking people who give of their time to enable organizations to do the job they were intended to do, do so because they recognize a priority. If it were not for these people, the F.U.A. would be worthless.

While I appreciate, and value very highly, this dedication to a cause and their realization of purpose, I have always believed that we have requested their time and effort far more than was necessary. I have always believed that people would pay for these organizations: the F.U.A., the co-operatives, or others, if their worth is realized.

Paying the Cost

It is with a certain amount of satisfaction, therefore, that I see the membership rolling in to Central Office. While I realize this is due mostly to the dedication and voluntary effort of many people, it is significant that the increase in fee has in no way reduced the number of people who pay for a membership.

I still believe farm people will pay for necessary services and organized effort if they are given a chance to understand the need!

The leadership of any organization has this responsibility. They must recognize the need and assess the value of priorities.

May I therefore, express my appreciation to the hundreds of members who gave of their time and effort to make the current canvass a success. To the members who have paid their membership, may I say, it will help a lot. It will not however, give you the organization you truly need. Only when you are prepared to invest

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Master Farm Family Honored

By Mollie Coupland

A banquet honoring the George Dudley, Master Farm Family was held in the Assembly Hall at Magrath, Thursday, November 7. Over two hundred residents of Magrath and district paid tribute to the family.

Presenting the award on behalf of the province was the Hon. H. Strom, Minister of Agriculture. Mr. Strom also presented a letter to Mrs. Dudley certifying that a cheque for \$1000 had been mailed to the family.

A master farm family gate sign was presented to 14-year-old David, who said he sure would be delighted to put it up.

"Without a family working together, it would be impossible to win an award as has been won tonight," said Mr. Strom.

Others speaking at the banquet included Jay Hamilton, Mayor of Magrath; Charles Matkin, president of the Magrath Chamber of Commerce; D. L. Steed, Cardston

District Agriculturist; Miss Margaret McLachlan, District Home Economist and the Hon. E. W. Hinman, Provincial Treasurer and member for Cardston.

Mr. Harry Boyse, secretary, Lethbridge and District Alberta Sugar Beet Growers, presented Mrs. Dudley with a dozen red roses, one for each of the children, and one for herself.

The banquet was sponsored jointly by District 14 F.U.A., Magrath F.U.A. local, Magrath Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Magrath.

Kenneth E. Newton, District 14 F.U.A. Director was master of ceremonies.

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FARM FORUM CORNER

with Jim McFall
Alberta Farm Forum Secretary

Farm Radio Forums discussed the topic, "Heritage," on November 18. This broadcast took in the fields of family farms being carried on from generation to generation; the necessities of wills stipulating in detail the matter of succession of the farm and the question of federal pension plan.

In discussion, the groups first were asked, "Is the question of how and by whom the land is held important to farm people?" Every forum replied to the affirmative. Craigton forum at Munson said, "There is a great deal of pride in owning land. It gives one prestige." Fireside forum at Lacombe pointed out, "We consider it very important. The individual owner of the land takes more interest and initiative in setting up a long term program in regard to fertility and production of the land."

Joffre Circle forum, Lacombe, and Warden forum, Spruce Grove, don't want large companies or corporations owning the land.

The idea of 99 year leases as in Australia was considered by one of the Red Deer forums, Horn Hill. They say, "It might make it easier for young people to take over, with no payments or interest for land to pay out, just the improvements such as buildings and machinery."

FARMER PENSIONS

The idea of federal pension schemes for farmers met with approval of about one half of the groups; disapproval with one-fourth and the other quarter were

Locks "Twinned" For Faster Passage

The job of twinning the Welland Canal will probably cost about \$180,000,000. Work on the project will begin as soon as final assent is given to it in the House of Commons.

With ships able to pass through the Welland system in both directions, considerable time will be chopped off the passage through the St. Lawrence Seaway.

CERTAIN THINGS . . .

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1% of your yearly capital expenditure in your organizations will you have what you need. Whether that 1% is provided in cash or voluntary effort is not as important as a realization of the value of priorities.

This is the only way which can guarantee the survival of the individual. It is the only way the "individual" can fulfill the responsibility that goes with freedom. If he does not want these things he can isolate himself in his individual domain and shortly become a serf, a victim of progress.

The Wheat Sale To Russia

By Bill Harper, F.U.A. Radio Commentator

It is a long time since anything created as much excitement as the recent wheat deal with Russia.

It is the biggest wheat sale Canada ever made, running to nearly half billion dollars.

The Hon. Mitchell Sharp, Minister of Trade and Commerce, recently issued a very complete statement covering the whole deal, and it makes very interesting reading.

It may come as a surprise to many Canadians to know there is nothing new about this wheat deal, except its size. Russia has been buying wheat from Canada for the past 7 years. In 1956 we sold nearly \$24 million worth of wheat,

and they have taken wheat every year since then, except 1960 and 1962.

23 Day Wonder

In 1956, an agreement was entered into by Russia and Canada, under which we agreed to supply them with roughly 15 million bushels of wheat per year for three years. This agreement was renewed in 1960 under which Russia agreed to buy up to \$25 million in Canadian goods per year for three years—half of it to be wheat. Russia agreed to buy twice as much from Canada, as we bought from them. Last March, discussions began for the third renewal of the agreement but were not completed at that time. Then on August 24, the Russians said they wanted to have further talks about renewing the deal. In just 23 days they signed the contract for the 227 million bushels of our wheat.

We must remember that trade is a two-way street. We can probably work up a very profitable trade with Russia if we are prepared to take some of her products in return. So far we have not done very well in this regard. In the 7 years since 1956 we have sold to Russia \$102 million in Canadian goods—2/3 of it wheat. We have bought from Russia only \$15 1/2 million in their goods, mostly furs, sheet glass, and a few industrial chemicals. That is a pretty poor showing. We sell them over \$14 million of goods per year for 7 years and buy back about \$2 million in their goods.

Sharp Convinced of Mutual Understanding

In his report on the wheat deal, Mr. Sharp said "We have . . . reviewed the whole range of trade relations between our two countries. I am convinced that we have reached mutual understanding which will help the expansion of trade in both directions." . . . "we expect to find a continuing place for Canadian wheat sales and many other products. Similarly we expect that the Soviet Union will be able to increase and broaden its sales to Canada."

There is no question that this must be done, in the case of both Russia and China, if we hope to keep our wheat markets there. It is interesting to notice that poli-

ticians in the U.S. are beginning to make loud noises about selling wheat to Russia and China. Canada's \$ 1/2 billion wheat deal looked big, even to the U.S., and it will not be more than two years before they are offering wheat to anyone who will buy. By that time, we had better have a substantial two-way trade going with both Russia and China or we will be sitting on another surplus wheat pile, and there are no more big customers left. China and Russia are the last of them.

Their Credit is Good

Payments of the wheat Russia is buying are the same as the sales to China—25% down at the time of shipment, 25% in six months, another 25% in a year, and the last 25% in 18 months. Both China and Russia have met all previous payments on time or before they were due, so there is no trouble expected on that score. Russia had already bought 11 mil-

lion bushels of Canadian wheat earlier this year and has also agreed to take another 18.7 million bushels late next year or early in 1965.

Since 1961, China has bought over 145 million bushels of wheat from Canada, and has agreed to take between 112 and 186 million bushels more by 1966. This is very big business. It is a life saver for the prairie wheat farmer, a very great boost for Canada's economy, and it is very definitely a better way of knowing and understanding the Chinese and the Russians, than spending several times that much money in building armaments which will destroy us all.

The more we make these people dependent upon us, for food and other such materials, and the more we become dependent upon them for some of the goods we need, the less chance there is of hostilities breaking out. Wars have occurred in the past in an attempt to break into a foreign market, or to keep someone else out. They have seldom occurred when both sides are dependent upon each other for trade.



U.F.A. CO-OP PRESIDENT IS GEORGE SAYLE

George Sayle of Sexsmith was elected president of the United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative Ltd. by the board of directors following the recent annual meeting in Calgary. Mr. Sayle succeeds Jake Frey of Acadia Valley, who had earlier announced his retirement.

Mr. Sayle homesteaded in Alberta in 1928. He has long been a supporter of the farm movement, and has been a U.F.A. Co-op board member since 1940. He became vice-president in 1961.

Changes in U.F.A. organization passed by the delegates this year included increasing the board from 8 to 9 members, and the delegate body from 40 to 63.

U.S. FARM INCOME MAY FALL SHARPLY

U.S. Federal Department of Agriculture economists predict that net farm income will decline this year in the United States by nearly \$400,000,000. It may go down by as much as 600 million dollars next year.

This would mean a reduction of \$1 billion in net farm income over a two-year period. In 1961, net farm income stood at \$12.5 billion. In 1962, it was \$12.6 billion. The 1963 estimate is \$12.2 billion, and a five per cent reduction next year would bring it down to \$11.6 billion.

A reason given by the forecasters for this situation is that farm expenses are rising faster than realized gross farm income. Much of the 1964 drop in income is directly related to a direct result of lower expected wheat prices.

Last May, American farmers rejected in a referendum a program of restricted production. As a result, wheat prices may drop to \$1.25 from their present level of \$2 a bushel. More than half of the farmers in the United States grow some wheat.

BANFF SCHOOL TO HOST LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

Two leadership schools at the Banff School of Fine Arts, sponsored by the University of Alberta's department of extension, are slated for early next year.

The fourteenth annual Short Course in Leadership Techniques has been set for January 19 to February 4, 1964. The seventh annual Rural Leadership Conference will take place at the Banff School from February 23 to March 7th.

Full details for both schools can be obtained by getting in touch with either the Agricultural Secretary, Department of Extension, University of Alberta, Edmonton; or through Kay Dowhanuk, Director, FU & CDA., 9934-106 Street, Edmonton.

Sponsoring organizations in-

East Coast Cargo Rises

Cargo passing through the port of Saint John, New Brunswick in the first 10 months of 1963 was up 386,000 tons over the same period last year. Tonnage reached 4,736,000 tons by the end of October. Part of the increase included an 18,000 ton rise in grain shipments.

clude the University Extension Department, Alberta Wheat Pool, Farmers' Union of Alberta, United Farmers' of Alberta Co-operative Limited, United Grain Growers, Junior Farmers' Union of Alberta, Farm Women's Union of Alberta, Alberta Department of Agriculture, Alberta Women's Institutes, Farmers' Union and Co-operative Development Association, and the Alberta Federation of Agriculture.

Foreign Investment Rate Drops

A recent Dominion Bureau of Statistics report shows that capital inflow into Canada has dropped sharply.

The report showed a capital inflow for the third quarter of 1963 of \$27,000,000 from international transactions in portfolio securities. This is the lowest figure in 18 months.

This is down from an inflow of \$215,000,000 for the second quarter of the year. Such a sharp drop may indicate the impact of the proposed U.S. interest equalization tax, which was proposed by the United States Government earlier this year.

F.W.U.A. Study for January

THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

By Mrs. F. M. Huddleston

All down through history, the role of woman has been of a homemaker. She bore the children, she cared for them, and cooked and served for her husband. In most societies she also did a lot, in most cases almost all, of the heavy physical work. By the time her child bearing years were over, she was often completely worn out physically, and spent what was left of her life, sitting near the fire, and helping with a few of the light household chores.

She was little better, in most cases, than a beast of burden. It was not a good life.

This situation still exists for many of the world's women, those who live in the undeveloped countries. It is not a case of their society being cruel, or unfeeling. Rather, it is a case they do not have the wealth to properly feed their people. Poor diet, hard work, and the resultant disease and hopelessness, have always been the lot of primitive people, and their women, usually, have been the greatest sufferers.

In spite of the fact that we in the Western world are far removed from those days, there is still a bit of the old attitude left. It is not many years ago that women were first allowed to vote, when they were first legally recognized as persons, when a wife was given some claim on the family estate, and many other events which led to what is called the emancipation of women, and unfortunately the job is not yet finished.

This brings us back to the question—What is the role of woman in family partnership? She still has her most important role to play—that of being wife, mother and homemaker. Most women today are as well educated as the men, and so mother becomes book-keeper and accountant in our modern farm business, or in any modern business. Her role as book-keeper is a very important cog in the wheel. Also like her city sister she does a lot of the farm buying—the food, the clothes, and many other needed items.

Holding Joint Property

The practice has grown quite common, especially with young couples starting out in life, of having the title to land in the country or in the cities, towns or villages, registered in their joint names "as joint tenants and not as tenants in common." Land registered in that way goes to the survivor upon the death of either, and upon proof that no succession duties are payable by the deceased.

Joint Bank Accounts

The same rule as to survivorship applies to joint bank accounts. In general practice however, a bank will only allow part of a substantial bank account, probably three to five hundred dollars, to be drawn out by the survivor.

A Family Affair

If there were fifty space platforms revolving around the planet the human story would still be told in terms of a man and a woman and children in the home. Family life underlies everything else about man. The family is still in essence what it was in the Golden Age, a little state of its own, governed ideally at least, by the mild laws of reason, benevolence and love.

The family gives its members their earliest and most complete experience of social security. With it are bound up all the great crises

of life, emotional and economic. It is the only basis upon which a society of responsible human beings has so far found it practicable to prosper in the present, and build for the future.

A big part of the success of family life grows out of the wise management of income, and this management should be a co-operative effort. The family budget does not demand great accounting skill, but just the old fashioned virtues; co-operation, fairness and unselfishness.

A partnership has always meant sharing.

In this new, modern business-minded society of ours, where the farm woman as always, is carrying her full load, but now as an

educated person, instead of a beast of burden—isn't it about time that we made her, in fact, a full legal partner? Or do some men still feel that the business world belongs to men only?

Canvassers Check Lists

Canvassers, remember to use your check list. Head office is most interested in why some people aren't joining the F.U.A. The reasons people give for failure to join should be jotted down. Where these reasons are valid, the Union can take steps to remove the grievances.

CANVASSING NOT COMPLETE

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about 20 cents per acre, or \$60 for a 300 acre farm. Their membership is very large, and completely voluntary.

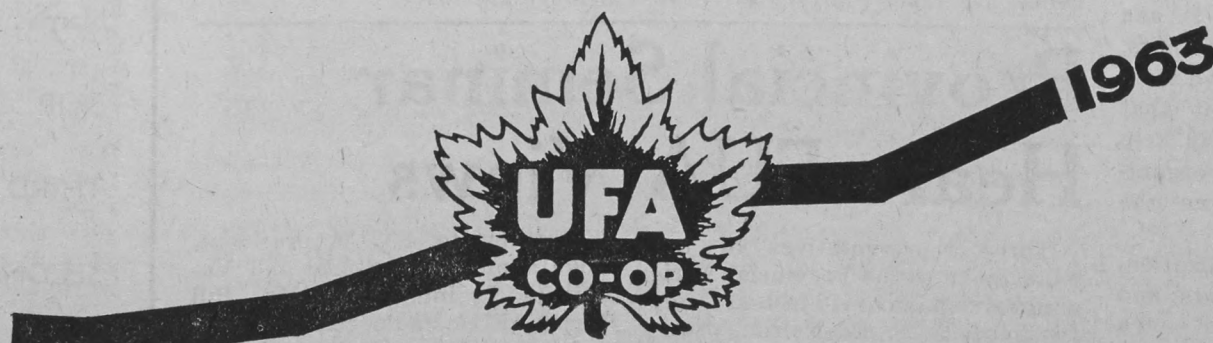
Time is getting short if we are to get all memberships in before Christmas. If a local has canvassed, an effort should be made to send the results in immediate-

ly. If a local has not yet carried out its intended canvass, they are reminded that it is important that they do so as soon as possible. Members don't like to be canvassed in January or February, only to be contacted to renew their membership again about eight months later.

Let's get the job done. Then it will be clear for another year.

UNIT MEMBERSHIP

	1962-63	No. Possible	On Nov. 30
District 1	1877	4146	802
District 2	1772	4702	1050
District 3	1355	4608	826
District 4	1950	5649	896
District 5	1867	5737	984
District 6	2295	7599	1178
District 7	1469	3496	965
District 8	2404	5431	1102
District 9	2188	8126	1064
District 10	3355	8262	1598
District 11	1167	2891	683
District 12	2249	4038	1188
District 13	882	3269	624
District 14	1267	4488	391
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"50,000 STRONG"

ONLY CANADIAN

G. Lloyd Matheson, general manager of Co-operative Insurance Companies, was elected to the executive of the International Co-operative Alliance Insurance Committee at the group's triennial conference held recently in Bournemouth, England.

Two new members were elected to the executive. The other is N. Shamir of Hassneh, Israel. Other countries represented on the present executive include Great Britain, Belgium, Sweden, the United States, and Switzerland.

The International Co-operative Alliance is a world-wide association of co-operative organizations.

**The Editor,
Organized Farmer.**
Dear Ed:

I'd like to thank my many friends, who sent me cards and notes of best wishes this summer.

I am feeling very much better and am able to do my own light farm work. My doctor, after consulting with a heart specialist, has advised me not to continue in any position in the F.U.A., in order to avoid excitement. They seem to feel that after at least a year's rest, I may be able to lead a pretty normal life and take a minor part in farm organization work.

Our annual convention is one event I certainly am sorry to miss. The need for a strong unified farm organization is so evident that I'm sure your decisions will help strengthen and build the organization that can best serve the majority of farmers.

The F.U.A. as an organization, and the individual members and officials in it have done so much for me, that I can't thank you all enough.

Yours sincerely,
Clare Anderson.

MEET BLASTS ALBERTA'S "BERLIN WALL"

The "Open Roads Committee of FUA Local 927" has received the backing of about 150 people at a meeting in Millet November 26. It is campaigning to have the Alberta Department of Highways change its policy of closing off many rural roads through which the new number 2 highway passes, south of Edmonton. A resolution passed by the meeting demands that "some type of crossing be provided every two miles, except where the closing of a road is agreed to by the county or municipal council concerned."

In recent weeks, the new four lane, limited access freeway has come to be referred to as Alberta's

tion of co-operative organizations. The Insurance Committee provides a means of study and exchange of information among co-operative insurance societies throughout the world. Members of the committee include 31 co-operative insurance companies, or groups of companies in 20 countries.

Premier Manning Commends FUA

On November 13, Premier E. C. Manning issued a statement commending the Farmers' Union of Alberta for their efforts on behalf of farmers and agriculture in this province. Said Mr. Manning "I would like to commend and encourage the executive and membership of the Farmers' Union of Alberta for their efforts to strengthen and unify the voice of the farm people of Alberta."

"Naturally the Alberta Government is vitally interested in the problems and progress of agriculture and is concerned that the expressions from the Farmers' Union are truly representative of

A.F.L. Seeks 35 Hour Week

A brief presented to the Alberta Department of Labour last week by the Alberta Federation of Labour has called for a 35-hour work week, with equal pay, to combat unemployment in the province. The brief was submitted to the fourth labour-management conference called by the department.

this industry. We desire the closest co-operation with your organization.

"The Farmers' Union of Alberta can and should play an increasingly important role in striving for practical solutions to the problems confronting agriculture, and you should continue in your efforts to not only represent the farmers of this province but also to give this representation the vitality and leadership necessary to achieve effective results."

"I would again commend your efforts for your progress in uniting the farmers of Alberta and wish you every success in your membership drive."

Provincial Seminar Hears FUA Views

Three representatives of the FUA spoke to the Provincial Agricultural Seminar held in Red Deer, December 5-6. Ed Nelson, president, discussed the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act, its importance and application to Alberta farmers, Mrs. C.

R. Braithwaite, FWUA president, spoke about Agricultural and Vocational Training, and Mr. Bill Harper, FUA radio commentator, took part in a panel discussion on farm marketing.

The seminar was called by the Alberta Government to develop a frank and objective discussion of present agricultural policies, programs and legislation, and to suggest possible alternatives.

meeting, said it would cost more than six million dollars over the present estimated cost of the highway to provide the number of crossings demanded by the Committee. He said this would mean at least 70 more overpasses between Calgary and Edmonton and that the reason for limiting access to the highway is to curb the heavy loss of life that occurs at level crossings.

But a major fear of the people who live on both sides of the new road remains; the disruption of their social patterns. Said one of these people not long ago, "If this thing goes through, and we can't get across, we will suffer forever."

Present plans call for the Department to build crossings at four or six mile intervals. The Hon. Gordon Taylor, Alberta Minister of Highways, who spoke to the

Drylanders Is A Hit

An all Canadian film presentation, "Drylanders," has met with great success in its run in Western Canada. The film, with its "made in Canada" short subjects, enjoyed a month's run in Edmonton. It has played in about 40 Alberta theatres, and will be seen in several others in the new year.

This information comes from Mr. H. H. Dickie, National Film Board representative in Edmonton. Drylanders is an N.F.B. production.

Mr. Dickie says that Drylanders will be shown in the United States, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. At present, it is showing in several centres in Eastern Canada.

The film has received wide critical acclaim. Mr. Dickie says that he knows of no critic that has panned the picture. Instead, such words as magnificent, moving, memorable, are used in reviews of the film.

Its story traces the efforts of a young Easterner and his wife and

young family, to build a good life on the Saskatchewan prairie, beginning before the Great War. At first, inexperience, and the elements bring failure. But then wheat grows, ripens, bringing prosperity. The family takes its place in the community.

Heartbreak follows, as the "dirty thirties," and the Great Depression, robs the community of its hope. In nine drought stricken years, prosperity dies, the farms die, the community dies. In the end, the pioneer, a man grown old at the sight of his wind blasted farm, dies.

But the film ends on a note of hope. As the old man is buried, rain comes again to the prairie. As the life comes back to the land, the family looks out to the fresh grave. Their mother asks, "Why can't you be here, Dan. We're starting again."

In any community that has not yet been shown Drylanders, local people might ask the local theatre manager to book it through Columbia Distributors.

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FARMERS' UNION OF ALBERTA

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NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15

Local..... No.....

Names of team members:

SKIP.....

THIRD.....

SECOND.....

LEAD.....

Adjustments can be made to this list only with the approval of bonspiel officials.

A \$10 ENTRY FEE MUST ACCOMPANY EACH ENTRY FORM!

Any number of rinks may enter from each local.

BONSPIEL NOTES

Several questions have been asked about the entry fee in the above entry form. The chief one is, what will the money be used for?

This money will be used to pay for the 14 rink final in Edmonton in March. All rinks which enter the provincial F.U.A. bonspiel will then be helping to pay for this final. All expenses will be paid for the competitors. These will be

the winners from each district's bonspiel.

Costs for competition at district, sub-district, or local level will have to be over and above that \$10 entry fee.

Several districts have already got their bonspiel committees under way. Contact your district director if you want to get in touch with your committee. Read the bonspiel article in the November 8 issue of the Organized Farmer for more details about the F.U.A. bonspiel.

Market Power Aim Of Producer Boards

Farmers today, faced with declining returns, could bargain for higher prices through marketing boards.

Speaking at the Provincial Agricultural Seminar in Red Deer on December 6, Bill Harper, F.U.A. radio commentator, said that power to bargain effectively in the market place "can only come to our thousands of farm producers through a marketing board which represents them all." He was taking part in a panel discussion on farm marketing problems.

Mr. Harper said that farmers today face a contest in the market place where they must sell their produce. This contest is between individual producers and corporate buyers, about prices.

"Buyers of raw farm produce

are almost always large corporations. These operate the packing plants, dairies, mills, canneries, etc. Power in the market place rests with those who handle produce in volume."

"A marketing board," Mr. Harper said, "is an organization set up by producers, by majority vote, under legislative authority, to market all farm produce of a specified type or kind, produced within a specified area. Within this area, the board has complete authority with respect to assembling, grading, storing, and offering for sale, all of the specified produce."